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Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 160 is set out in the report of the Committee contained in document A/70/594.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 37th and 39th meetings, on 11 May and 13 June 2016. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 (A/70/592);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 (A/70/735/Rev.1);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/742/Add.2).

[1] A/C.5/70/SR.37 and A/C.5/70/SR.39.

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.47

4. At its 39th meeting, on 13 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali" (A/C.5/70/L.47), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Sri Lanka.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.47 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali,[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 2100 (2013) of 25 April 2013, by which the Council established the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali as from 25 April 2013 and decided that authority would be transferred from the African-led International Support Mission in Mali to the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali on 1 July 2013 for an initial period of 12 months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 2227 (2015) of 29 June 2015, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 30 June 2016,

Recalling also its resolution 67/286 of 28 June 2013 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 70/113 of 14 December 2015,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/___ of ___ 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali as at 30 April 2016, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 96.1 million United States dollars, representing some 4 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with

[1] A/70/592 and A/70/735/Rev.1.
[2] A/70/742/Add.2.

concern that only 53 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Takes note* of paragraph 30 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to approve the reassignment of one P-2 post;

10. *Expresses concern* about the continued loss of life and casualties, and requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to enhance safety and security measures and ensure the protection of the civilian and military personnel of the Mission and to report thereon at the seventy-first session;

11. *Expresses serious concern* about the attacks on the Mission's camps and peacekeepers, which have led to the loss of life and the destruction of premises and equipment, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General, as a matter of priority, to take appropriate measures to enhance security arrangements, including by ensuring the safety and security of the Mission's personnel and peacekeepers as well as robust infrastructure and means of transportation and the use of modern technologies and mechanisms, including the All Sources Information Fusion Unit;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Mission continues to implement mine-detection and mine-clearing services in a timely manner;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289, 66/264, 69/307 and 70/___;

14. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

15. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015;[3]

16. *Decides* to reduce the commitment authority in the amount of 80,336,300 dollars, approved for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 under the terms of its resolution 69/289 of 19 June 2015, by the amount of 5,563,000 dollars to the amount of 74,773,300 dollars, as a result of which the total resources approved for the maintenance and operation of the Mission for the period will amount to 905,475,000 dollars, equal to the expenditures incurred by the Mission during the same period;

17. *Also decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali an additional amount of 74,773,300 dollars for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 for the maintenance of the Mission, taking into account the amount of 830,701,700 dollars previously approved for the Mission under the terms of its resolution 68/259 B of 30 June 2014;

Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

18. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 49,503,500 dollars, representing the difference between the amount of 830,701,700 dollars already appropriated under the terms of resolution 68/259 B for the maintenance of the Mission and the actual expenditure of 905,475,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015, less the amount of 25,269,800 dollars, representing other income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 67/239 of 24 December 2012, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2014 and 2015, as set out in its resolution 67/238 of 24 December 2012;

19. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 197,000 dollars, representing the difference between the estimated staff assessment income of 9,938,700 dollars approved for the Mission under the terms of resolution 68/259 B and the actual staff assessment income of 10,135,700 dollars for the financial period ended 30 June 2015;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

20. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali the amount of 989,720,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, inclusive of 933,411,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 40,536,300 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, 9,843,100 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and 5,930,000 dollars for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda;

[3] A/70/592.

Financing of the appropriation

21. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 989,720,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, at a monthly rate of 82,476,700 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246 of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2016 and 2017, as set out in its resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

22. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 21 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 16,949,900 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 12,336,000 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 3,468,700 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 715,600 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 429,600 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

23. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

24. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

25. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

26. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali".